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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention, an electronic book selection and delivery sys-
tem, distributes electronic text and graphics to subscribers.
The system contains an operations center, a video distribution
system or a variety of alternative distribution systems, a home
subsystem, and a billing and collection system. The opera-
tions center and/or distribution points perform the functions
of manipulation of text data, security and coding of text,
cataloging of books, message center, and uplink functions.
The home subsystem connects to a video distribution system
or variety of alternative distribution systems, generates
menus and stores text, and transacts through communicating
mechanisms. A portable book-shaped viewer is used for
viewing the text. The billing system performs the transaction,
management, authorization, collection and payments utiliz-
ing the telephone system or a variety of alternative commu-
nication systems.

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